

He was preceded in death by his parents, his mother-in-law Maria Tindara Calabrese, three brothers: Salvatore Merlo, Vincenzo Merlo, and Domenico Merlo, and a sister Giovanna Merlo.

**WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP
DAY 2021**

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak in honor of Women's Entrepreneurship Day which is celebrated around the world each year on November 19th.

Women-owned U.S. firms make up nearly 20 percent of all firms that employ people and this number is growing. There are nearly 13 million women-owned firms and they employ close to 10 million people. As a testament to their success, women-owned firms reported revenues of nearly \$1.9 trillion. This is truly astounding and shows you how vital women are to the economy. I applaud these women entrepreneurs and their economically vital businesses.

I also applaud Wendy Diamond, who has personally spearheaded the Women's Entrepreneurship Day movement. Since her campaign launched in 2013, her Women's Entrepreneurship Day Organization has annually funded one thousand impoverished women with microloans to start their entrepreneurial journey in Nicaragua, India and Africa, hosted a nationwide entrepreneurship training program for 60,000 female college students and early-stage entrepreneurs in Saudi Arabia, initiated and funded the premiere Women's Disability Cohort Pitch Competition, a visionary program that raises funding opportunities for women marginalized by their disabilities in partnership with 2Gether International, provided financial literacy education to one thousand rural women in the Philippines, and partnered with a Uruguayan university to offer scholarships to young women.

Women's Entrepreneurship Day is now celebrated in 144 countries and 65 universities and colleges internationally, with numerous global ambassadors. The Women's Entrepreneurship Day mission is to empower the nearly four billion women worldwide to be catalysts of change and uplift the over 250 million girls living in poverty around the world.

As in past years, the Women's Entrepreneurship Day Organization Pioneer Awards recognizes, and honors distinguished women who are leaders and innovators across multiple categories with inspiring accomplishments. This year's honorees include:

Cathie Wood, Founder and CEO of ARK Investment Management, LLC—Financial Pioneer Award

Jeni Britton Bauer, CEO/Founder Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams—Culinary Pioneer Award
Judith Heumann, International Disability Rights Advocate, The Heumann Perspective—Human Rights Pioneer Award

Mona Scott-Young, CEO of Monami Productions—Entertainment Pioneer Award

The Honorable Kathy Hochul, 57th & first female Governor of New York State—Government Pioneer Award

Nadja Swarovski, Chair and Founder of Atelier Swarovski and Chair of Swarovski Foundation—Fashion Pioneer Award

Dawn Dickson-Akpoghe, CEO and Founder of PopCom—Technology Pioneer Award

Madam Speaker, I urge the entire House to recognize these remarkable role models, and to celebrate Women's Entrepreneurship Day this year and every year moving forward.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JACOB
DEITER AND HIS VETERANS ME-
MORIAL EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jacob Deiter, an outstanding young man who dedicated his Eagle Scout project to our nation's veterans. Jacob went above and beyond to bring a veterans' memorial to his hometown of Van Buren, Ohio. His hard work and dedication are truly deserving of high praise.

Jacob is a 17-year-old senior at Van Buren High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 313. In order to complete his Eagle Scout project, he spent the last two years planning and organizing the establishment of a memorial in the town square to honor the area's veterans.

Since 1775, millions of Americans have served in the United States Armed Forces. Every battle has left an impact on our nation's veterans and their families. It is important to recognize the sacrifices they made for our country. This memorial includes a sidewalk with engraved bricks honoring area veterans as well as a granite memorial stone. There are also seven flag poles, one for each branch of service along with the United States and POW flags.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jacob Deiter for the completion of this memorial for the veterans of Van Buren. He has shown outstanding leadership in his community and is most worthy of this recognition. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I wish Jacob all the best in his future endeavors.

**HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
LORRAINE SULLIVAN FROM THE
DEARBORN MICHIGAN SOCIAL
SECURITY OFFICE**

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Lorraine Sullivan on the occasion of her retirement from the Dearborn, Michigan Social Security Office after over thirty-seven years of service to the Social Security Administration. Her significant contributions in service of our community are worthy of commendation.

Mrs. Sullivan got her start at the Social Security Administration as a Stay in School participant. She later held many titles as she worked her way up the ranks, serving as Development Claims Clerk, Claims Technical Expert, Operations Supervisor and now, District Manager of the Dearborn Field Office. The recipient of two Regional Commission Citations, her excellence in service is evident through her work as a leader in the office. Dedicated to improving the conditions of the workplace, she is an advocate for diversity and inclusion within her office and celebrates the diversity of her staff, encouraging them to present developmental trainings on various topics.

Known by others for her can-do attitude and willingness to help others, her staff describes her as a fair, straightforward, and empathic manager. Always looking for a way to uplift her staff, she has encouraged and mentored many team members who have gone on to become leaders in their own right. Outside of work, she enjoys travelling, dancing, and spending time with her loving family, including her granddaughter Carlaheya. Mrs. Sullivan and her husband Carl Sullivan have two sons, Theo and Carl. An active member of Mount Olive Baptist Church—the church where she and Carl married twenty-three years ago, she is an enthusiastic volunteer and member of the choir.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Lorraine Sullivan for her dedicated service to the Dearborn Michigan Social Security Office. We are grateful for her years spent serving countless Michiganders and her legacy will live on through the numerous staff members that she has mentored. I join with Lorraine's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to her in retirement.

FTC INVESTIGATING BIG OIL

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of President Biden's call for the FTC to investigate the world's largest oil companies that appear to be engaging in egregious price manipulation of oil and gasoline prices.

In August, Big Oil started substantially reducing production—a bizarre move as our economy was surging forward after the pandemic downturn.

At a time when oil production costs are going down, and unprocessed gasoline awaits distilling, Big Oil is driving prices up—and reaping the benefits. The two biggest companies are on pace to double their income since 2019. This is outrageous.

It appears corporate fat cats are padding their own wallets at the expense of our national wellbeing. Enough is enough.

The FTC should take a deep dive into Big Oil—and put a stop to any nefarious behavior that is harming hardworking Americans.

I applaud President Biden's call for action—and hope to see enforcement soon.